हिमाचल प्रदेश के क्षेत्र के भूकम्पीय मानीटरिंग के मुख्य उद्देश्य पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ा क्योंकि विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग की भूकम्पीयता कार्यक्रम के तहत हिमाचल प्रदेश में स्थापित 13 वेधशालायें एवं एक स्ट्रोंग मोशन एक्सेलरोग्राफ एरे (50 यंत्र) उपलब्ध है।

Air Services on different routes

*648. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been growing demands for providing adequate air services on Delhi-Bhubaneshwar-Port-Blair route. Delhi-Calcutta-Bhubaneshwar route, Delhi-Bombay-Bhubaneshwar route; and Delhi-Madras-Bhubaneshwar route, and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to fulfil those demands?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines has received requests to operate Delhi-Bhubaneshwar-Port-Blair service and also to connect Bombay with Bhubaneshwar.

(b) At present, Bhubaneshwar is connected by direct services with Delhi, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad and Nagpur. Due to operational and commercial reasons. Indian Airlines is not in a position to connect Bhubneshwar with any more places or to increase frequency of any of the existing flights.

Draught animal power

*649. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day national conference on draught animal power recently organised in New Delhi high lighted the important role of this source of energy in our economy;

(b) if so, what are the major views and recommendations; that have emerged out of the deliberations;

(c) whether some experts have suggested measures including enactment of laws and adopting a breeding policy to conserve and augment the indigenous breeds of such cattle;

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard;

(e) whether Government have on its own, made some studies to assess the contribution of draught animals to our energy needs at present and in future; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir, a National Conference was organised on Modernisation of the Draught Animal Power (DAP) Systems on 4th and 5th March, 1994 in New Delhi.

(b) The Major views and recommendations that have emerged from the National Conference are:

(i) Top-most priority to be given for DAP in the country's economic and development programmes,

(ii) Higher level of utilisation of DAP through diversification programmes like use of water lifting, power generation etc.,

(iii) Higher allocation of DAP Programme in Central and State Budgets by the Planning Commission and linkage with other rural development and social upliftment programmes of the Government.